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nearer to the little cabin than the garden

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knows not what; the coming of her lover in

the guise of a wandering hunter-all these

things are told in a way that makes the

fresh and true and sweet, of a new and

The Rubaiyat Again.

Doxey's press, "Sign of the Lark," now

transferred from San Francisco to New

by lovers of the famous poem will not les-

with an extended biographical sketch and

character study of Edward Fitzgerald, by

M. Kerney. This is followed by a poetical

invocation to Omar Khayyam, by Justin

a Ruba'iy," by Porter Garnett. After this

is the text of the poem and following that

poem and its writer. The book is beautiful-

y printed on heavy paper and the illustra-

ions are striking. Each page of the volume

is inclosed within a border, while each page

of those containing the "Rubaiyat" proper

has a special drawing, all being the work

of Florence Lundborg. The cover is also

her work. She draws with a firm hand, and

though the designs are of the weird Au-

brey-Beardsley order, this is one of the

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Women of the Bible have furnished the

one is prepared on a unique and orig-

inal plan. It consists of critical essays or

the twelve women treated of. These are

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dalen, Mary and Martha and the blessed

Virgin Mary. The essays on these women

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Chaderick, Rabbi Gottlieb, Rev. Dr. Ly-

man Abbott, Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke,

Rev. Dr. Faunce, Professor Richard Green

Moulton, Bishop John F. Hurst, Rev. Dr.

Edward B. Coe, Rev. Dr. Doane, Dev. Dr.

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of the essays, which are indeed of an un-

literary style. The illustrations are beau-

tiful, including for a frontispiece the Kitch-

ell composite Madonna which has been so

much talked about. The book is pub-

lished in beautiful style with ornate bind-

Her Boston Experiences.

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study of Boston society and people sup-

a year there with relatives. The author's

name is given as "Margaret Allston," but

story is woven into the nar-

but the volume is made

of incidents bringing out

young woman goes to social functions, to

symphony concerts, to the public library, to

art exhibits, and comes in touch in other

ways with the intellectual and social ele-

ment, with occasional forays into the Bo-

hemian and unconventional. All that is

ressions received, aided by a sense of

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The Heart of the Ancient Wood. This story, which was commented on by the Journal when it appeared in Lippinnew is viewed with fresh, keen eyes and the too-prevalent historical novel, away, in fact, from all conventional fiction, and lets him breathe the air of the pine forests and come into intimate touch with nature. It is the history of a child taken as an infant into the Canadian woods remote from civilization, and her life there with only her mother and the wild creatures of the forest as her companions. These wild things are truly companions, recognizing her as of kindred spirit to

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bishop of Canterbury, who turns monk to insure the safety of his father's soul. The as a courtier and that as a monk affords ing which the author has well improved The scene of the story is laid during the period are portrayed in a manner that indicate careful study by the author. The story shows originality and power. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co.

Private Memoirs of Madame Roland. The "Private Memoirs of Mme. Roland' years after Mme. Roland's death by the guillotine, on Nov. 8, 1793. In the original it is a favorite French classic, but a good English version of it has not been procurable for many years. This edition is be-lieved to be the best ever offered in Eng-lish or likely to be. In it Mme. Roland's attractive personality, her brilliant intellect, her desire to be judged justly by pos-terity, her enthusiastic devotion to republicanism, her disappointment on seeing the deeds done by the French revolutionists in the name of liberty and her condemnation to the guillotine are set forth in her own words in the form of personal reminiscences, and turned from French into beautiful English. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co.

Old Fires and Profitable Ghosts. Mr. A T. Quiller-Couch never writes anything dull, and in this collection of short stories he offers entertainment of an unusual sort. They are weird tales, not quite ghost stories, but bordering thereon. As the author says in a preface, they are of "revenants"-persons who either in spirit or in body revisit old scenes, return upon old selves or old emotions, or relate a message beyond perception. There is a good deal of psychology, a good deal of mystery and a deft handling of incidents. giving altogether that peculiar charm which belongs to a subject just beyond the human comprehension, but in which all are interested. Readers looking for something out of the ordinary will find it in this book. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

Who Goes There?

reads "Who Goes There?" The author, B. K. Benson, calls it "The Story of a terly manner, the style is vivid and strong, lmost abrupt at times, yet convincing and one as being the author's own diary, so realistic are the scenes he portrays. It is well worth reading by all, while to those who took part in the civil war it will afford great pleasure by reviving the memories of old scenes and battles. The Macmillar

Book of Saints and Friendly Beasts. "Brother, hast thou never learned in holy So said St. Guthlac, of Crowland. The legends of the Catholic Church 'Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam' comes from furnish many instances of alleged friendship between holy men of God and animals. This volume contains twenty such stories briefly and quaintly told, such as "St Bridget and the King's Wolf," "St. Gerasimus and the Lion," "St. Werburgh and Her Goose," "St. Fronto's Camels," "St. Comgall and the Mice" and many more of similar character. The stories are related in a style to interest either young or

New York: Houghton, Mifflin

Winifred. In "Winifred" S. Baring Gould gives another most entertaining and it is needless to say beautifully written romance, th scene being laid among the chalk cliffs of the English coast, where the doings of the smugglers are most graphically described. The heroine Winifred, whose serted mother lives only to lift her daughter above the lowly lot in which her life has been cast, is a girl of strong character, whose loyalty to her parent never wavers, even amid the changed scenes of her later life in London. The illustrations by Edgar Bundy add not a little to the attractiveness of this entertaining story. L. C. Page & Co., Boston.

Quicksand. This distinctly American story is merely the story of an individual, but ance of the tragedy of his mother's death and his own birth, and his subsequent hard struggle to make a place and career for himself furnish the main theme of the are also twelve illustrations representing story. Without being sensational, it has nteresting characters of real human nature types. It is written by Henry White, author of "Differences," and published by Small, Maynard & Co., Boston,

David Harum in a New Dress.

Few books of recent years have been more widely read and talked about than "David Harum." This is so largely true Potter and Cardinal Gibbons. These names that the book needs no introduction. With very little literary, artistic or constructive naturalness and homely appeals to that large number of readers who enjoy a faithful portrayal of human nature "as she is." D. Appleton & Co. have brought out a new edition of the book, the striking features of which are ts beautiful typography and binding and its copious illustrations done by first-class artists and which are really illustrative of

In the Alamo.

This is the title of a Southern story by Opie Reed that is full of interest, with many dramatic incidents. The man who tells the story was a candidate for th United States Senate in Texas, but he pre-Alamo in San Antonio to the senatorship and finally let it go for her. The political newspaper reporter, the worker who seeks money from all candidates and the faithmanager of his caucuses are brought out in an effective way. In tone and treatment the story is Southern. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago.

Ray's Daughter.

This is the subject of General Charles King's latest story. General King is story of Manila when just occupied in 1898. The story is full of startling incidents, which begin with the shipment of troops over the Union Pacific and end in a love writing it; still, like his other books, the reader becomes deeply interested in the tale. The J. B. Lippincott Company, Phil-

Eugene Norton.

"Eugene Norton, a Tale from the Sagebrush Land," might be more properly entitled after the heroine, Catherine Musgrave. It is the story of her life from the time she makes her debut as a songstress, through the many trials due to who carried her to Western ranch up to the happy ending of all these woes satisfactory second marriage. The book will appeal to the confirmed novel reader. The author is Anne Shannon Monroe. Published by Rand, McNally & Co.

In the Days of Jefferson.

This is a new story for young readers by that veteran and popular juvenile story writer, Hezekiah Butterworth. Its scene is laid during the boyhood of Thomas Jefferson, and it deals with some interesting and little known passages in his life, including the noble friendship between him and Dabney Carr, his curious connection with the "Wild Man of the Shenandoah." his love for the violin, etc. The story runs on istoric lines and tends to illustrate some interesting points in early American history. New York: D. Appleton & Co.

Tate the Fiddler. in a very strong and pleasing manner the brilliant success.

story of two young Englishmen who to the Australian bush determined to make sessed and the contrast between his life their fortunes on cattle ranches. Here the shrewd one swindles his companion-maran opportunity for strong character draw- ries the girl the latter has sent home forand how in the end fate brings good fortune to the unfortunate one, all combine reign of King John, a new interpretation to make this a stirring tale, very well of whose character is presented while the told, which will entertain the reader from life of the mediaeval monk and the political conditions in England during that Company, Philadelphia.

A Christmas Sermon.

Charles Scribner's Sons have had the happy thought to issue Robert Louis Stevenson's "Christmas Sermon" in separate form. They have printed it in beautiful type and put it between gray boards, making it one of the dainty publications that book lovers desire to possess. The read. It contains thoughts that touch the undercurrents of life-thoughts that fit the Christmas season, but other seasons as well, and spoken as only Stevenson could speak them.

A Bleyele of Cathay.

Mr. Frank R. Stockton is more amusing on some occasions than on others, but he is never dull or prosy. The story is clever and entertaining romance, which details the adventures of a young schoolmaster in a summer tour awheel. It is thoroughly "Stocktonese," which is sufficiently explanatory to those familiar with the author's style. Harper & Brothers, publishers, New York.

Lucid Intervals. Under this title Mr. Edward S. Martin presents a collection of humorously philosephical essays on a variety of topics of universal interest, such as "Children," "Husbands and Wives," "Riches." "Swains and Damsels," "Some Human Cravings, etc. The author has a light, graceful style and handles his subjects well. New York: Harper & Brothers.

Donegal Fairy Stories.

The fairy stories which make up this volume are related by Seumas MacManus, and are Irish folklore stories of the most approved wild, weird and hobgoblin character. They are calculated to please the There is a treat in store for whoever York: McClure, Phillips & Co.

Current Periodicals.

they are prepared to guarantee for the

of 32,000 copies. A noteworthy feature of the January authoritative account of the first crossing of Africa, from south to north, by the young English explorer, Ewart Scott Gro-

A feature of Everybody's Magazine for January is a series of splendid photographs of Sioux Indians, taken by Miss Gertrude Kasebier. The pictures were not easy to obtain, for the Indian does not like the instructors are all Japanese with the excamera. These fine portraits, some twenty or thirty of which have been reproduced were especially admired when exhibited in

McClure's Magazine for January has a variety of fiction. A second installment of Mr. Rudyard Kipling's new novel "Kim," appears, with illustrations by Mr. Edwin Lord Weeks and Mr. J. Lockwood Kipling. The short stories cover a wid range, and they are well illustrated, "After Culloden," by Mr. William McLeod Raine is a tale of Scotch adventure in an histori "The Rocks of Moraga," by Mr old readers, and they make a curious col- Mortimer O. Wilcox, tells of patriotism in the Philippines. "The Revenge of the Four," by Mr. Josiah Flynt and Mr. Francis Walton, is a whimsically told narrative of events in that underworld whose mysterious ways Mr. Flynt knows so well. A clever study of Chicago types is made by Miss Edith Wyatt in "Limitations," and in "The Chairman's Politics," Mr. Will Payne mingles love and politics in a delightful

Ainslee's begins the new century with Waterworks," by H. H. Lewis. of the Big Mines," by Eugene Boyland Palmer, is a collection of true stories, ranging from the ridiculous to the tragic, about the strange freaks fortune plays on pros pectors and mining men in their search for wealth. "Claus Spreckels-the Sugar King," by Victor L. O'Brien, tells of the romantic career of the great California sugar magnate, who began at three dollars a week in a South Carolina grocery store "The Langen Hanging Railway," by D a curious German railway, eight miles long, that looks from the photographs as though t were upside down. "The Human Bind ing," by Harvey Sutherland, contains plenty of useful knowledge about our skin. There is a variety of readable fiction in

The December number of the Dieteti and Hygienic Gazette devotes considerable space to pulmonary diseases in various phases. "Physical Exercise in the Treatment of Pulmonary Diseases," Dr. Parker Murphy's address before the Medical Asso ciation of Central New York, at Syracuse is reproduced from the Albany Medical grounds in favor of his subject. "The Im portance of Rest" is considered by Dr. Carroll E. Edson, of Colorado. Bodily rest. is considered an essential to easy respirastrongly in favor of a moderate and carefully regulated quantity and a quality of exercise for pulmonary sufferers. Diet in Acute Pneumonia" is reproduced from the International Medical Magazine for October, and the article of Dr. C. F. Journal, on "An Improved Treatment of artists still cling to the old school. Your Pneumonia," is presented without annotation. Various phases and treatments of diphtheria also are given prominent place

With the Publishers.

In January the first issue of a new pubstreet, New York, styling itself Royal-Columbia Press," is to be a book of fiction from the French of George de Fontages by Deshler Welch, called "The Story of Louise." The publishers announce that it is at once absorbingly dramatic, clever and original. The scenes of the story are at Paris, Monte Carlo, on board of a yacht and at Tangiers.

Doubleday, Page & Co. have just issued "The Mushroom Book," by Miss Nina L Marshall. There are thirty-two colored illustrations and several score black and white plates from remarkable photographs It is intended that the book shall appeal particularly to the unscientific reader, enabling him to identify the edible and poisonous varieties, and thus forming a sort of first book for his study. The author, Nina match at Manila. The book shows that L. Marshall, is a teacher of botany. In the author did not spend much time in preparing this book she has also had the assistance of several well-known authori- Torpedo Bont That Will Be Managed ties on the subject.

Gilbert Parker, author of "The Battle of the Strong," which has now reached 40,000 impressions, has been elected a member of Parliament from Gravesend, an old town lying across the Thames from Tilbury, in London. Hildebrand Harmsworth, one of Harmsworth Bros., the publishers of dozen or so magazines and periodicals, was his Liberal opponent; but the novelist de- fare-a one-man torpedo boat, whose speed ernment in the Transvaal, rebuked the antiimperialists and won by a handsome ma jority. "The Battle of the Strong" has been dramatized, and is now "on tour." Miss Marie Burroughs taking the part of Guida. The novel, which is published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., has been continuously successful since its publication.

Payne in the Cabinet.

If President McKinley decides to take Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, into his Cabinet he will secure the services of one of the most energetic, businesslike and intelligent members of the Republican party. While a great deal of credit for the recent magnificent Republican victory is justly given to Chairman Hanna, no small part of the result in the West was due to the efforts of Vice Chairman Payne, who from his headquarers in Chicago was in close touch with the central committees in every Western State. Mr. Payne is distinctivel a Western man, and in either the Interio In this book Herbert C. Mellwaine tells or the Postoffice Department would be

PREDICTION MADE BY KIYOZO ODA A JAPANESE NAVAL OFFICER.

He Says Britain, the United States and Japan Will Become Allies and Rule the World.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23 .- Among the arrivals at the St. Charles Hotel was Kiyozo Oda, commander in the Japanese navy, and a man of wide learning and superior attainments. Commander Oda is on his way to Japan from England, where he has been for the past eighteen months studying English naval matters, such as construction of battleships, methods of training sailors, etc. He visited the arsenal at Washington and the Naval Academy at Annapolis on his way from New York

"I have been on a mission to England for the Japanese government," he said to a reporter, "and have been devoting my time to the study of any and everything pertaining to naval matters. The Japanese government has both army and navy of ficers in all the principal European countries as well as in the United States. They are acquiring what information they can which may be useful to Japan. For instance. I took great interest in studying the construction, as well as I could, of the Holland submarine boat, which I saw at Annapolis. It is a wonderful boat, and will be useful in time of war. I can see how dangerous one of the Holland boats would be in attacking a battleship. I shall report to the Japanese government con-

"Is the Japanese navy being strengthened at this time?" "We have a very fine navy as it is. We have been building a great many ships in the past five years, and most of them have gone into commission. But we are building three battleships at present. Two

of them are first-class battleships of 15,200 year 1901 a net circulation for the Bookman | tens each, and the other is a 10,000-ton ship. Their heaviest guns are twelve-inch rifles.' "Have the Japanese a naval academy which can compare with the one at An-Commander Oda smiled as he answered

quietly: "Our naval academy is larger than yours. Yours can accommodate about three hundred students, while we have an attendance of 450 at ours. The instruction is much the same in both institutions. Our ception of the English professor. English is the only foreign language taught in our naval academy. "You are a graduate of that academy?"

"Were you in the war between Japan and China?' "Yes; I commanded a torpedo boat that war.'

"Do you think there is any likelihood of Japan becoming engaged in another war in the near future? "There isn't any nation for us to fight right now. Poor China is in such trouble with all the European nations that there is no chance of a fight there. But I believe, sooner or later, we shall have to fight Russia. I believe that conflict is inevitable."

"How does the Japanese navy compare with that of Russia? "Taken as a whole the Russian navy is superior to ours in number of ships, but Russia couldn't use all of them in fighting us. She couldn't take her fleet away from the Dardenelles. I believe the Japanese are better sailors than the Russians. The Russians are good soldiers, but they are not good sea fighters. They are not as good marksmen as the Japanese. "The Japanese are good marksmen,

"Very good. The Americans lead the world in marksmanship, but I have made a careful study of the target practice of the English war vessels and they compare unfavorably with ours. We can shoot better than the English. We give a great deal of attention to target practice.'

"In the event of a great international war, involving the entire world, what stand would Japan take?' "We would form an alliance with England and the United States and the rest of the nations of the world would be swept from the seas. Such a war may come-it is probable that it will come-and if it does you will find Japan in the triple alliance I have mentioned

"Hasn't the Marquis Ito done more than any other man in Japan to bring your country into the front rank of nations?" "He certainly has. came to this country thirty-five years ago to acquire Western knowledge. He was very poor student, as he was then an inhis classes, but when he returned to Japan it was discovered that he had acquired a vast amount of information and could put it to better practical use than any other man. It was his example that introduced European dress into Japan."

"Do you prefer the Europena dress to the native costume of Japan? "In some ways I do, in others I do not. In winter the European dress is more comfortable and in summer the Japenese Is preferable. The Japenese dress is much rettier than the other, and for that reaso habit of sitting on the floor. About the has not been affected by the reform socalled is art and literature. The Japanese artists may draw a man or a woman or a landscape that is natural from a photographic standpoint, but from a Japanese standpoint there is no soul in your pic-

tures. "Do you think that in time our alpha-bet will supersede the Japanese characters in your writing? "By no means. Our characters are ver

easier to learn. We can express all vocal sounds with fewer strokes of the pen than you can. It is hardly likely that we will adopt the more elaborious system of writing in preference to our own. If the Japanese characters were understood here they would be used universally. "Japan has undoubtedly been benefited

in every way by the adoption of Western "In most ways it has, but I am sorry say that morally we have retrograded in the past thirty-five years. We were formerly a highly moral nation, and now we are not. There is more crime in Japan than there used to be, and it is increasing all the time. In taking on the good things of the Western world we have also adopted many of the bad."

WARSHIP ANNIHILATOR

by a Single Navigator.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 23.-If a certain

board of naval officers, now in session in Washington, reports favorably on the invention of a Newport man, the government will have exclusive right to one of the most powerful implements of modern warelectricity and compressed air will be utilthe surface, with the operator's head only above the surface, or, if necessary, the movements of the vessel may be directed wholly from beneath the surface. Just what method is to be used to submerge the craft cannot be learned, although it is said that the principle used will be wholly different from that used in the case o the torpedo boat Holland. One who is competent to talk upon the subject goes so far as to say that when the plans are made public they will create a world-wide Moriarity, for years one of the leading machinists and instrument makers at the sovernment torpedo station at Goat island, Newport harbor, and now president and manager of the Newport Manufacturin Company. Several previous inventions of Mr. Morlarity have been adopted by the government, notably his torpedo finder. It

is understood that this new one-man tor-depo boat has been patented in thirteen

States government will want to retain such a powerful instrument as a protection to itself, if for no other reason.

NO AFFIDAVIT WITH THIS.

Man Alleged to Have Gone Head Forward Down an Oil Well.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23 .- The Post-Dispatch's Parkersburg, W. Va., correspondent says: Tied by the feet with a strong cable, W. G. Phillips was lowered head first into an oil well 2,000 feet deep to remove a chain which had become fastened in such a way as to obstruct the work in the well. The casing was only thirteen inches in diameter, so it took nerve to start on the journey. Phillips is a contractor and driller and he was drilling the well, which is in the Lantz pool, when one of the tools stuck. Stripping off his coat and laying his hat aside, he had the workmen fasten a line securely about his feet. Then, head first, so that he could reach the obstruction with his hands, he was lowered into the well by the men at the windlass. The air rushed out of the hole as he went down until a sepulchral voice was heard:

"Let me down slow." Then the speed was slackened and finally the voice called up "Stop." Then a click of the chain was heard, indicating that he had reached his destination safely, and presently the same voice commanded, "Pull me up," and soon Phillips was landed, very much exhausted upon the floor of the der-rick. He had accomplished the most remarkable feat ever recorded in the history of the cil country and had saved several thousand dollars in a few minutes.

SMALL RISE IN PRICES

FIGURES FROM THE ROYAL STATIS-TICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Value of Commodities in the World's Great Market in 1899 Only Four Points Higher than in 1880.

pecial to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- A comparison of prices in 1899 with those of preceding years in that great world's market, Lon don, is made by Prof. A. Sauerbeck in a publication issued by the Royal Statistical Society, of London, England, and just received by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics. This comparison, according to Prof Sauerbeck's statement, which pro cedes it, "shows the course of prices of forty-five commodities during the last twenty years as compared with the standard period of eleven years, 1867-1877." The statement of values is in the form of "index numbers," in which the average prices during the period of 1867-1877 is taken as 100 and the relative price in the years named, from 1880 to 1899, is based thereon The forty-five articles considered are arranged in six great groups: Vegetable food, animal food, sugar, coffee and tea minerals, textiles and sundry materials. In vegetable food the index number for the year 1880 was 89; for the year 1885, 68; for the year 1890 it was 65; in 1896 it reached its lowest point, 53, and in 1899 averaged for the year, 60. In animal food the figure for 1880 was 101; for 1885, 88; for 1890, 82; in 1896, against the lowest point, 73, and i 1899, 79. Sugar, tea and coffee stood in 1880 at 88; in 1890 at 70, and reached their lowest average, 51, in 1898, and in 1899 stood at 53, though for coffee and tea, as shown

in the discussion accompanying the tables. the 1899 figures were the lowest recorded in the tables. In minerals the index figure in 1880 was 79; in 1885, 66; in 1890, 80; in 1895, it reached its lowest point, 62, and 1899 stood at 92, by far the highest point in the twenty years' period 1880-1899, unde consideration. In textiles the index figure for 1880 was 81; for 1890, 66, and reached the lowest point in 1897 and 1898, when it stood in each year at 51, returning in 1899 to 58. In the list headed "sundry ma terials," the index figure for 1880 was 83 for 1885, 76; for 1890, 69, and reached its lowest point in 1897, when it stood at and in 1889 returned to 65. Taking the grand total of the forty-five articles considered in the various classes of vegetable food, animal food, sugar, coffee and

index figure for 1880 was 88; for 1885, 72; for 1890, 72, and in 1896 reached its lowest point, 61, returning in 1899 to 68. Discussing the table from which above figures are taken Professor Sauerbeck says: "The index number for al commodities was 68, against 64 in 1898, or per cent. below the standard period, 1867and 14 per cent. below the ten years 1878-1887, but 3 per cent. above the average of the last ten years. As compared with 1898 the advance amounted to 4 points (or 6% per cent.), while the rise on 1896, the lowest year on record, was as much as ' points (or 111/2 per cent.) The rise was smaller than was probably expected by many observers, and this is explained by the fact that the average advance for the whole year applied only to materials, smaller extent to textiles, and to a very ticles of food, on the other hand, were in the aggregate lower-an advantage no doubt to consumers-and were exactly on a level with 1897, so that the advance ob-

tea, minerals, textiles, and sundries, the

tained in 1898 was again lost. "Four articles out of the forty-five con tained in my tables showed records of lowest prices, viz., Brazil coffee, flax, coarse wool, and the average import price of tea. Articles of food were a little lower, but materials 24 per cent. higher than in December, 1898, while the rise for materials from the lowest point, in February 1895, amounted to as much as 36 per cent in the aggregate. Articles of food, on the other hand, were only 81/2 per cent. above their lowest record point in July, 1896. "In the course of last year prices of corn remained generally on a low level, the small wheat crop of the world of 1897 (283,-600,000 quarters) having been followed in 1898 by the largest crop on record (538,000,009 quarters), and in 1899 by another good crop (524,000,000 quarters.) Meat and butter were omewhat dearer, the latter being affected by the drought in August. Sugar and the common sorts of tea ruled a little higher than in the preceding year, though both articles are still on a very low basis, the imported having been the lowest on record Brazil coffee, under the influence of four large crops in succession, was lower than ever before, Santos touching 52s per cwt in September, but improving again to 32s towards the end of the year. Metals generally reached their highest points between July and October, but gave way to some extent later on, while coal obtained almost famine prices at the end of the year and early in 1900. Iron has not been so high since 1874, but copper and tin, although very dear, were still higher dur-

ing the speculation in 1877-1888. "Among the textiles we have to record an advance for cotton, in view of a large consumption and lower estimates of the current crop, but prices during the past year were still very low as compared with former periods. Flax touched the lowest price on record, improved gradually and realized a sharp advance in December. Manila hemp experienced great fluctuations in conjunction with the policy of opening and again closing the port; the price was £64 at the end of last year, probably the highest figure on record. Merino wool advanced over 60 per cent. and has not been so high since 1880, while the bulk of coarse wools occupied the lowest level on record for the greater part of the year, improving to some extent towards the end. Shk was considerably higher. The past year will, on the whole, be considered a very prosperous one, and the activity of the manufacturing industries in Europe, as well as in America, was greater than at any time since 1871-1873."

An Exaggerated Statement.

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 23 .- The story to the effect that large numbers of French Canadians will leave New England for Quebec in the spring obtains not the slightest credence here. Rene Dupont, colonizati agent for the Quebec and Lake St. John region, is alleged to have said that "of region, is alleged to have said that of the 300,000 French Canadians in the State of Maine, I believe 150,000 of them will come back in the spring." The ecclesiastical rec-ords show that there are but \$5,000 French Canadians in the State.

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CRUISE OF 20,000 MILES

MAN-OF-WAR BUFFALO TAKES LONG ROUTE TO THE PHILIPPINES.

From Brooklyn Navy Yard to Manila by Way of the Cape of Good Hope -Sailors to Be Drilled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- Twenty thousand miles of ocean will the Buffalo have traversed after leaving the Brooklyn navy yard, when she reaches her outward journey and drops anchor in Manila bay some time early in March. The Buffalo sailed away last week, scorning the shorter route through the Mediterranean and the Suez canal. Instead, she will drive due south 390 miles a day, to the Cape of Good Hope

and then head east across the Pacific. She carries on board, in addition to her own crew of 200 men, some 500 landsmen. It is largely for their benefit that she takes the long ocean route. By so doing she saves the \$5,000 that she would have to pay at the toll gate of the Orient, the Suez canal. But her officers are more concerned with the making of men than with the saving of money, and when the Buffalo arrives in Manila the 500 landsmen will be 509 sailors, and will take their places on board the ships of the Asiatic squadron to relieve

the time-expired men. The famous voyage of the Oregon was nearly as long as this, but the Buffalo will make fewer stops on the way. She passed out of quarantine Friday afternoon to make her first short run to Delaware breakwater. there to pick up a consignment of men from the training ship Richmond. A few hours at Hampton Roads will see another big batch come aboard from the Franklin. and then the voyage of the Buffalo will really begin, with a steady pounding gait, for Trinidad. Here Lieutenant William L. Rodgers will leave her to join the training ship Lancaster, which will take on board some of the Buffalo's recruits and hand

and the Buffalo intends to make the run, one of the longest ever made by a man-ofwar without a stop, in one straightaway stretch. At Cape Town ship and men will wait a few days to coal; then a visit to Mauritius, another to Singapore and the Buffaio will once more be in Americaa waters, though many a mile from home. There were large crowds on the coal dock gathered to see the last of friends and relatives who were setting out on the long trip Jack bore up well under the strain of leavetaking, but even the merriest of them cheered a little hoarsely as the boat backed off into the river, and sweethearts and wives on the pier became unduly in-

From Trinidad to the cape is 5,500 miles,

East.

distinct and blurred for "the durned mist" in their eyes. The cruiser takes out to the Asiatic squadron more than 3,000 Christmas boxes and as many Christmas letters to the men abroad. Her hold is packed with stores for the fleet and with medicine and other supplies for the naval hospital at Cavite The Y. M. C. A. sent boxes of books, writing paper and Christmas cards. The Y. W. C. A. gave thirty sackfuls of "comforters." centaining everything from buttons to chewing gum that soldier or sailor can need

A most elaborate programme of drills has been planned for the crew of the ship during the ten weeks' journey. In addition to instruction in seamanship there will be lessons in sails, masts, rigging and armament. The battery drills will be at the five and four-inch guas, six-pounders and Colt automatic. There will also be target practice and subcaliber work, while the small arm instruction will include the Lee 6mm and Krag-Jorgensen revolvers. Commander Charles T. Hutchins is in charge of the

BAIL FOR MISS MORRISON.

Mrs. Olin Castle's Slayer May Spend Christmas at Home.

ELDORADO, Kan., Dec. 23.-Hayward whose trial for killing Mrs. Olin Castle ended in a hung jury, said to-day that six teered to go on the \$5,000 bond. feeling very well and still receives letters of sympathy daily," he said. Mr. Morrison left the impression that his sister would by Christmas be at home.

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